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Applicant : Toshiyuki Arai et al.  
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WRITING AND REPRODUCING  
DATA  
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action of June 16, 2004 as follows.

In response to the requirement for an Election of Species, Applicant hereby elects the species relating to MPEG format compression.

As presently advised, claims 1-5, 7-22, 24-48, and 50-52 read on this species.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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